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OF

Catechising

Such as are of weakest Memories

AND

Of the meanest Capacities,

In order to their Right Understanding

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The T E N C O M M A N D M E N T S,
The L O R D S P R A Y E R,
And the S A C R A M E N T S.

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TO THE
READER.

IF upon perusal hereof you incline to think some of these Questions superfluous, you are desired to consider that they are intended especially for the help of those who are of the meanest Capacities, and have but little skill to deduce Logical Inferences: whose weak apprehensions must be condescended to, with the greatest plainness that is possible; and assisted in various ways, in order to their right Understanding of one and the same thing. By this also such as have a mind to make any part thereof yet more plain than it is, may the better understand how to form their Questions concerning it. And such as understand these things already, may not possibly repent their small labour of perusing them, if they shall consider in what Instances they themselves come short of their plain and known Duty, which is here laid before them: As also that hereby they may receive

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ceive some Assistance towards their more easy
and successful Instructing of others. But if
concern onely those who are yet ignorant of the
plain things, it will concern more in most Parishes,
of Old People as well as Children, than
is easily to be imagin'd should be found in such
Places, where the Gospel hath been so long and
so constantly Preached.

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Catechifing.

[I believe in God the Father Almighty]

- Is there any way laid down for us how we may come to believe? *Yes*
- Is the hearing of Gods Word the usual and ordinary way to beget Faith? *Yes*
- Are all those true Believers that do hear Gods Word? *No*
- Are they true Believers, on whom the Spirit of God maketh the Word to become effectual? *Yes*
- Doth it become effectual to those that do imbrace it and obey it? *Yes*
- Can the Word of its self prevail upon us without Gods Spirit? *No*
- Should we not then pray to God, that his Spirit may accompany his Word? *Yes*
- Must we hearken attentively to Gods Word? *Yes*
- Must we believe it and love it? *Yes*
- Must we meekly submit our selves to it? *Yes*
- And desire especially to hear that which doth most of all concern our selves? *Must*

Must we remember what we hear, and lay it up in our hearts ?

And is this all that is required of us ?

Must we also practise what we hear ?

Do they deceive themselves, who are Hearers only, and not Doers of Gods word ?

Are there not many then, who deceive themselves ?

Is there any Change doth pass on those who are effectually wrought upon by Gods Word and Spirit ?

Is their Understanding enlightned so as to see their own sinful and miserable estate ?

And to see the way of their Recovery from it ?

Are they brought to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, by whom only they can be saved ?

Is there a Change only in their Understandings ?

Is there a Change also in their wills ?

Do they become willing to obey Jesus Christ, and put their Trust in him ?

May we trust in Jesus Christ without obeying of him ?

Must he that cometh to God, believe that there is a God ?

And that God is a Rewarder of them that diligently seek him ?

Hath God a Body, or any Bodily parts ?

Is God a Spirit ?

Is not the Soul of Man a Spirit ?

And are not Angels Spirits ?

Is it sufficient then only to know that God is a Spirit ?

Is God an infinite Spirit ?

And is he infinite in all his Attributes and Perfections ?

Doth God fill Heaven and Earth with his presence, though we can't see him with our bodily Eyes ?

Had God any beginning ?

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Have all Creatures a Beginning ?	Yes
Is God from Everlasting to Everlasting ?	Yes
Is he a great and a glorious God ?	Yes
Should we, if we did see his Excellency, despise all the World in comparison of him ?	Yes
Is there any thing that God doth not know ?	No
Is it possible for God to be deceived ?	No
Doth God know all our Thoughts and Intentions ?	Yes
And hear all our Words, and see all our Actions ?	Yes
Can we hide our selves any where from God's sight ?	No
Doth he see and take notice of us, whenever we sin against him ?	Yes
Is there any thing too hard for God ?	No
Can God do all things whatever he pleaseth ?	Yes
Ought we to fear God more than Man ?	Yes
To displease Man rather than to displease God ?	Yes
Is God able to destroy both Body and Soul, and cast them into Hell Fire ?	Yes
Do they do wisely then that sin against God, merely that they may have the Favour of Men ?	No
Do all our Mercies come from God ?	Yes
Do we deserve any of the Mercies that we enjoy ?	No
Are we less than the least of them all ?	Yes
Have we not reason then to be well contented and thankful at all times ?	Yes
Is God Holy, and Just, and True ?	Yes
Is there any Sin in God ?	No
Doth God do any Wrong to man, when he afflicts and punisheth him ?	No
Is he Just and Righteous in all his ways ?	Yes
Is it possible for God to lye ?	No
Will God perform and make good his Promises ?	Yes
And will he fulfill and execute his Threatnings ?	Yes

Doth God hate and abhor Evil ?
 And is he just, as well as merciful ?
 Doth God stand in need of any Creatures ?
 Is he in, and of himself Blessed for ever ?
 Are there Three Persons in the Godhead ?
 Is the Father God ?
 And the Son God ?
 And the Holy Ghost God ?
 And do you think these Three Persons are Three
 Gods ?
 Are these Three Persons one greater than another ?
 Were these three Persons one before another ?
 Are they all three Eternal and Equal one with ano-
 ther ?
 And are these three Persons one God ?
 Do you think that those were Gods, which the
 Heathen worshipped as Gods ?
 Is there any more than one Living and True
 God ?
 Doth Man's happiness consist in the Enjoyment of
 God ?
 Is there any certain Rule whereby we may come to
 enjoy God ?
 Is this Rule the Word of God contained in the Old
 and New Testament ?
 And is this our only Rule ?
 And is it such a Rule, as will certainly bring those
 to Heaven that observe it ?
 Must we believe and practise what is therein con-
 tained ?
 If there were a sure infallible Rule to become rich
 and honourable in the World, would there not be
 great heed given to it ?

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Is the Wealth and Honour of this World, worthy to
be compared with the joy and happiness of Heaven? No

[Maker of Heaven and Earth,]

Did God make all things? Yes

Did God make all things out of nothing? Yes

Did God make all things by his Word of Com-
mand? Yes

Did God make all things in six days? Yes

Did God make any thing on the seventh day? No

Did God rest the seventh day, and bless and sancti-
fie it? Yes

Were all things good as God made them? Yes

Are any Creatures able to preserve themselves? No

Doth God preserve and uphold all things? Yes

Is there any thing done without God's Permission? No

Doth God order and govern, and over-rule all things
in the world? Yes

Did God make Angels? Yes

Did he make them Glorious Spirits? Yes

Did all of them continue in their Glorious State? No

Did some of them fall from Heaven by Sin? Yes

And are they the Devils or wicked Angels? Yes

Is there any hope or possibility of Salvation for them? No

Are they reserved in chains of darkness, to the Judg-
ment of the great day? Yes

Do they believe there will be a day of Judg-
ment? Yes

And do they tremble at the thoughts of it? Yes

Are the Holy Angels with God in Heaven? Yes

And shall they be blessed for ever in the Enjoyment
of him? Yes

Did God make man? Yes

Did God make his Body of the dust of the Earth? Yes

Did

Did God breathe into him a Living Soul?

Is the Soul of Man his better part, better than his Body?

Will it profit a man to gain the whole world if he lose his Soul?

Is the Soul then chiefly and especially to be minded?

Did God make man righteous and innocent?

And did God make any Covenant or Agreement with man after he had made him?

Did God make this Covenant with our First Parents, only for themselves?

Did he make this Covenant with them for themselves and for their Posterity also?

Was that First Covenant call'd a Covenant of works?

Did God therein promise man Life?

And was man bound perfectly to obey God, to obey him always, and in all things?

Did man keep this Covenant on his part?

Did he disobey God, and sin against him?

Was his Sin the Eating of that Fruit which God had forbidden?

Did *Eve* tempt *Adam* to eat of it?

And did *Satan* in the Serpent tempt *Eve*?

Were only our First Parents guilty of that Sin?

Are all *Adam's* Posterity that come from him by a natural and ordinary way of generation, guilty of that first Sin which he committed?

And are they all by reason thereof in a sinful and miserable condition by Nature?

Did Jesus Christ descend or come from *Adam*?

Did he descend from him by a natural and ordinary way of generation?

Was he conceived by the Power of the Holy Ghost?

And

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And born of a Virgin?	Yes
Was the Virgin <i>Mary</i> Christ's Mother?	Yes
Did Jesus Christ then sin and fall in <i>Adam</i> ?	No
Are we now born righteous and Innocent, as God made our first Parents?	No
Are all men (except Jesus Christ) conceived and born in Sin?	Yes
Are we unwilling, and backward, and opposite to that which is good?	Yes
And are we ready and forward to that which is evil?	Yes
Ought we to bewail this Corruption of our Natures?	Yes
Do we sin, when ever we break any of God's Laws?	Yes
Either in thought, or word, or deed?	Yes
Do we not sin else, unless we transgress or break some Law of God?	No
Do we sin by Omission, or leaving undone what God Commands?	Yes
And by Commission, or doing what God forbids?	Yes
Are all the Evils, Pains and Sorrows of this Life the fruit of Sin?	Yes
And is this all that Sin deserves?	No
Doth Sin deserve Death?	Yes
And is Death the Fruit and Wages of Sin?	Yes
Is Temporal Death the end of all misery?	No
Do we by reason of Sin deserve to be cast into Hell-fire?	Yes
Did God leave man in this sad and miserable State?	No
Hath he been graciously pleased to make a second Covenant and Agreement with man?	Yes
Was God bound to make another covenant with man?	No
Might God have left man in his wretched and forlorn Estate, to be lost and miserable for ever?	Yes
Is this second Covenant then a Covenant of Grace?	Yes
Doth	

Doth God herein promise man Life and Salvation ? Yea
 Doth God promise Life absolutely to all men, so
 that all shall be saved though they do what they
 list ? No

Is it then upon condition of believing in Jesus
 Christ ? Yea

**[And in Jesus Christ his only Son
 our Lord,]**

Doth *Jesus* signifie a *Saviour* ? Yea

And *Christ* signifie *Anointed* ? Yea

Was Jesus Christ appointed, fitted, commissiona-
 ted and sent by God to be the Saviour of man-
 kind ? Yea

Shall all that believe in Jesus Christ be saved ? Yea

Shall none else be saved, but such as do believe in Je-
 sus Christ ? No

Have we not great reason then to understand aright
 what it is to believe in Jesus Christ ? Yea

Shall we be saved by our Works ? No

Or by our good meanings ? No

May we be saved by any other without Christ ? No

Or by any other joyned together with him ? No

Must we put our whole Trust only in Jesus
 Christ ? Yea

Shall all those be saved, who do believe that Christ
 will save them ? No

Must we obey him as our Lord, as well as trust in
 him for our Saviour ? Yea

Is it not Presumption to trust in Christ, without Care
 to obey him ? Yea

Is it sufficient to obey him in some things ? No

Must we be careful to obey him in all things ? Yea

Will he not permit us to allow our selves in any one *No*
sin ? Is

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Yes	Is he the Author of Eternal Salvation to all those that obey him ?	Yes
No	And only to those that obey him ?	Yes
Yes	Is Jesus Christ God ?	Yes
Yes	Is he the first Person in the God-head ?	No
	Is God the Father the First Person ?	Yes
	Is God the Son the Second Person ?	Yes
Yes	Is Jesus Christ God the Son ?	Yes
Yes	Is Jesus Christ then the Second Person of the Trinity ?	Yes
	Is Jesus Christ man ?	Yes
	Is he God and Man both in one Person ?	Yes
Yes	Is he God from all Eternity ?	Yes
Yes	Is he Man from all Eternity ?	No
	Did he become man for our sakes ?	Yes
No	Was it not great and wonderful Humility and Con- descension in God to become Man ?	Yes
Yes	And to be born in so mean a Condition ?	Yes
No	Is Jesus Christ God's Son ?	Yes
No	Is he God's only Son ?	Yes
No	Is not God the common Father of all Creatures ?	Yes
No	And are not all true Believers God's Children more especially ?	Yes
Yes	Are they God's Children in the same sense, as Jesus Christ is God's Son ?	No
No	Is Jesus Christ God's only begotten Son from all Eternity ?	Yes
Yes	Doth God account all true Believers his Chil- dren ?	Yes
Yes	Doth he take care of them, and provide for them ?	Yes
No	Shall they want any thing that is good for them ?	No
Yes	Shall all things work together for their Good ?	Yes
No	Will he bestow upon them a Glorious Inheri- tance ?	Yes
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Doth it yet appear what they shall be?

Is their Inheritance reserved for them in Heaven?

And is this the meaning of being *Adopted*, to be accounted for Children, and made Partakers of the Privileges of Children?

Do all true Believers receive and obey Gods Word?

Do they live here in this World without Sin?

Is it their grief and sorrow that they sin against God?

And is this their greatest grief and sorrow?

Do they love and esteem Jesus Christ above all the World?

Do people frequently think upon that which they do most of all love and esteem?

And will they often be talking of it, and take delight therein?

Do they love and esteem Jesus Christ, who care not to have him in their mind, or to discourse of him?

And do not people generally delight more in thinking upon, and discoursing of the World?

And shun such company as are wont to to be speaking to them of Jesus Christ and his Ways?

Do you think then that the generality of People are true Believers?

Or that it is wisdom to do as the most do?

Do true Believers labour to purifie and cleanse their Hearts?

Is this the great work and business of their Lives?

Are there not many evil motions and affections in the Heart of Man?

And is it a Christians duty to watch and pray, and strive against them?

May a man allow himself to think what he will, so he be careful of his words and actions?

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No	Are they true Believers that take no care to purifie	
Yes	and cleanse their Hearts ?	No
Yes	Is Faith evidenced by good Works ?	Yes
Yes	Is Faith without works dead ?	Yes
Yes	Do true Believers overcome the World ?	Yes
Yes	Are they Slaves to the Profits, Pleasures or Prefer-	
No	ments of the World ?	No
Yes	Have they gain'd a Victory over them ?	Yes
Yes	And over the Frowns and Discouragements of the	
e	World ?	Yes
Yes	Do they count Reproaches for Christ's sake their	
o	Riches ?	Yes
Yes	Are they ready and prepar'd to part with all for Je-	
Yes	sus Christ ?	Yes
Yes	Do you think they shall be Losers by so doing ?	No
	Will Jesus Christ abundantly and infinitely reward	
No	them ?	Yes
Yes	Hath Jesus Christ two distinct, intire Natures ?	Yes
Yes	Hath he the Nature of God ?	Yes
Yes	Hath he the nature of an Angel ?	No
Yes	Did he come to save the fallen Angels ?	No
	Hath he the nature of Man ?	Yes
No	Is Jesus Christ perfect God and perfect Man ?	Yes
No	Did he become Man that he might be capable of Suf-	
Yes	fering ?	Yes
Yes	Could he not have suffered as he was God ?	No
Yes	Is God above all Suffering ?	Yes
Yes	Did Christ make satisfaction in the same Nature that	
Yes	had offended ?	Yes
Yes	Was it Man that sinned ?	Yes
Yes	And did Christ, as man, die for Sin ?	Yes
No	Could one that was only Man undergo and get	
	through all those Sufferings that Christ endured ?	No
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Did Christ undergo and get through them by his Almighty Power, as he was God? Yes

Were Christs Sufferings of an Infinite Value, because he (as God) was Infinite? Yes

Would not the Sufferings of a meer Man have been of a value and price sufficient? No

Is this the reason why the Damned must suffer in Hell for ever? Yes

Can the Sufferings of a meer Finite Creature, ever make full Satisfaction for Offences committed against an Infinite Justice? No

Was Jesus Christ conceived and born in an ordinary way, as others are? No

Was Jesus Christ conceived and born in Sin? No

Was Jesus Christ in all respects as other Men, Sin only excepted? Yes

Hath Jesus Christ three Offices, as he is our anointed Saviour? Yes

Are they the Office of a Prophet, Priest, and King? Yes

Were Prophets, Priests and Kings of old anointed? Yes

Was *Elisha* an anointed Prophet? Yes

And *Aaron* an anointed Priest? Yes

And *Saul* an anointed King? Yes

Hath Jesus Christ all these three Offices? Yes

Were these three Offices ever conjoyn'd in any other Person? No

Was *Melchisedeck* a King and a Priest? Yes

Was *David* a King and a Prophet? Yes

Is Jesus Christ all three, a Prophet, and a Priest, and a King? Yes

And doth he faithfully and fully execute all these three Offices? Yes

Did the Prophets of old reveal the will of God to the People? And Yes

And doth Jesus Christ, as a Prophet, reveal or make known to us God's will?	Yes
Is there any thing necessary to our Salvation, which Jesus Christ hath not revealed, or made known?	No
Doth he make known Gods will outwardly by his Word?	Yes
And inwardly by his Spirit?	Yes
Are the Ministers of the Gospel the Messengers of Jesus Christ sent by him?	Yes
Do we hearken then to Jesus Christ, when we hearken to his Ministers?	Yes
And do we who despise his Messengers, despise Jesus Christ himself?	Yes
Is their Teaching sufficient of it self to bring men home to Christ?	No
Doth he therefore send his Spirit to apply the word they preach, and set it home effectually on the Hearts of Believers?	Yes
Did the Priests of old offer up Sacrifices?	Yes
And did Jesus Christ, as Priest, offer up any Sacrifice?	Yes
Did he offer up himself a Sacrifice?	Yes
Did he lay down his Life freely, and of his own accord?	Yes
Had he Power so to do?	Yes
Hath any meer man power to lay down his Life when he pleaseth?	No
Is Jesus Christ to be offered up any more?	No
Was his once offering of himself sufficient?	Yes
Was it sufficient to satisfy God's Justice?	Yes
And to purchase for us his Favour?	Yes
Did Christ perform that Righteousness which the Law of God did require?	Yes
And bear the punishment which was due for the breaking of ti?	Yes

Was this all that the Priests did, the offering of Sacrifices ?

Did they also pray and intercede for the People ?

And doth Jesus Christ, as Priest, intercede in the behalf of his People, that their Persons and Services may find acceptance with God ?

Is he now in Heaven pleading and making Intercession for them ?

And will he continually make Intercession for his People to the end of the World ?

Doth Jesus Christ, as King, govern his People and protect them ?

And make them willing to obey and submit to all his Laws ?

Will he be our Saviour, if he be not our King ?

Shall any of his Enemies be able to stand before him ?

Shall all his Enemies become his Footstool ?

Must we receive Jesus Christ intirely in all his Offices ?

Were the Saints of God, who were before Christ's Time, saved likewise by Faith in Jesus Christ ?

Was Jesus Christ made known to them ?

Was he made known to them by Promises, Types and Sacrifices ?

Was Jesus Christ the Seed of the Woman, that should bruise the Serpents head ?

And did the Serpent bruise his Heel ?

Hath Jesus Christ endured many Indignities, Grievs, and Sorrows, and Temptations for the sake of man ?

And did he suffer Death for man's sake ?

Did he die for his own Sins ?

Was he innocent pure and holy ?

Did Jesus Christ die as he was God ?

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Did he die as he was Man?	Yes
Did he die a natural Death?	No
Did he suffer the Death of the Cross?	Yes
Was that a painful, shameful and cursed Death?	Yes
Was Pontius Pilate the Governour that condemned him to die?	Yes
Was Jesus Christ buried?	Yes
Did he consume in the Grave, and turn to Earth?	No
Did he continue in the Grave three days?	Yes
Did he rise again the third day?	Yes
Did he raise himself by his own Power?	Yes
Was he to continue still upon Earth after his Resurrection?	No
Did he continue after his Resurrection Forty days here upon Earth?	Yes
And did he then ascend, or go up into Heaven?	Yes
Is Jesus Christ in Heaven now at God's Right Hand?	Yes
Hath God any Hand, or any Bodily Parts?	No
Do we speak of God after the manner of Men?	Yes
Will Jesus Christ come from Heaven gloriously to judge all the World?	Yes
Shall all the Dead arise and come to Judgment?	Yes
And shall such as will then be here alive, be caught up quick in the Clouds to meet the Lord in the Air?	Yes
Shall any man be excused from appearing to Judgment?	No
Must every man give an Account of himself to God?	Yes
Shall the most secret things be then brought to light?	Yes
And all our thoughts and words and actions?	Yes
Shall all men then receive the like Sentence from Jesus Christ?	No
Will there be a Difference put between him that	served

served God ; and him that served him not ?
 Will he receive the Godly into everlasting Blessedness ?
 And sentence the Wicked into everlasting Fire ?

[I believe in the Holy Ghost,]

Is the Holy Ghost a man ?

Is he an Angel ?

Is the Holy Ghost God ?

Is he the First Person in the Godhead ?

Is he the Second Person ?

Is the Holy Ghost, or Holy Spirit, the Third Person
 in the Godhead ?

Doth he proceed from the Father and the Son ?

Is he equal with them both ?

And is he the Sanctifier of all the Elect People of
 God ?

Doth he comfort them, and guide them into all truth ?

And assist them in their Supplications ?

Do we know, our selves, what to pray for as we
 ought ?

[The Holy Catholick Church,]

Are the Holy Catholick Church, all the People and
 Servants of God throughout all Ages, in the several
 parts and quarters of the World ?

Are they many Members, and yet but one Body ?

Are they united to one and the same Head Jesus
 Christ ?

And quickned by one and the same Spirit ?

And do they embrace one and the same Faith ?

Have the People and Servants of God many and va-
 rious Enemies while they are here ?

And will those Enemies be ever able to overthrow
 Gods Church ?

Will God have a Church and People to the end of
 the World ?

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Are those who are in Heaven, above the Reach and Power of all their Enemies?	Yes
[The Communion of Saints,]	
Do the Saints enjoy Communion with God?	Yes
And with one another?	Yes
Do wicked men enjoy Communion with God?	No
Is there any Fellowship between Righteousness and Unrighteousness?	No
Are the Saints of God to serve God together?	Yes
To pray one for another?	Yes
To be good Examples each to other?	Yes
To supply one anothers Wants?	Yes
To comfort one another?	Yes
And to counsel and admonish one another?	Yes
Is it a Token of hatred to admonish another?	No
Is it an Office of true Christian Love?	Yes
And is it that which Gods word doth require?	Yes
Ought we to take a Christian Admonition in good part?	Yes
And to count those our best Friends, who advise us for our good?	Yes
And those our greatest Enemies who tempt us to Evil?	Yes
Doth a Man in a Journey quarrel with such a one as shall tell him in Love, that he is about to ride into a very dangerous Water, wherein many Travellers have been drowned?	No
Will such a one, who knows that Water, do well in suffering that Traveller to be drown'd, without giving him any warning or notice of it?	No
Does not a Traveller that is out of his way, take it kindly of another that will inform him how he mistook his way, and will endeavour to set him right again?	Yes

Will not a man who is about to purchase an Estate of one that intends to cheat him, thank any Person that shall seasonably inform him of it?

Will not a man that hath broke a Bone, think himself obliged to that Person who shall set it for him?

And is this wont of all other to be the most thankful Office, to advise another for his Souls Good?

Are men ordinarily willing to do a kindness for another who will give them no thanks for it?

Is it then a sign of the greater Love, to break through this Discouragement, and to displease another, in order to the doing of him Good?

Should the Discouragements we meet with, dishearten us from going on in the faithful discharge of our Duty?

Must we (whenever, and as often as we can reasonably hope to do good) reprove, rebuke, and exhort with all Long-suffering and Patience?

Will such as are at any time perswaded by us, love us afterwards the better?

And are the Scorns we meet with from others, as great as those Scorns and Indignities which our Lord did patiently and meekly suffer for us?

Shall we be willing hereafter to stand among God's People, and be of their number?

And should we be ashamed to be accounted so now?

Is it not a grievous sin to be ashamed of being accounted God's Servants?

Do they who are Servants to great men, count it their Honour, that they are such mens Servants?

And is it not a great dishonour to God to be ashamed of owning him?

Shall we be losers if we suffer for his Name sake?

Should

Should we not rather rejoyce and be exceeding glad,
seeing great will be our Reward in Heaven? *Yes*
Will Christ own those hereafter, that are asham'd
of him here? *No*
Will he say to them, depart from me ye cursed, I
know you not? *Yes*

[The forgiveness of Sins,]

Doth every Sin deserve the wrath and Curse of Al-
mighty God? *Yes*
Doth here and hereafter? *Yes*
Is there any Condemnation to them that are in
Christ Jesus? *No*
May we expect Forgiveness of our Sins without Re-
pentance? *No*
Do Forgiveness of Sins and Repentance go together? *Yes*
Do they who truly repent for their Sin past, amend
for the time to come? *Yes*
Is it a vain thing then for a man to say, he repents,
if he do not amend? *Yes*
Are they Fools that make a Mock of Sin? *Yes*
Will this mirth of theirs last always? *No*
Shall they laugh but a little while, and weep for ever? *Yes*
Do they that boast of sin, glory in their Shame? *Yes*
Will they boast of Sin, when they feel the weight
and Burden of it? *No*
May a man do well to satistie himself in purposing
to repent hereafter? *No*
Is it not likely, that Multitudes who are now in Hell,
had a purpose to repent? *Yes*
Do not divers in the World die very suddainly? *Yes*
And are not many others by various Diseases depriv'd
of their Understandings? *Yes*
And are not others under such grievous pain,
that

that they can scarce mind any thing else?

And do not a great many die in a very hardned and impenitent manner?

And do not many of those who seem to repent when they are sick, manifest after they are recovered, that their Repentance was but feigned?

Is a late Repentance very seldom true?

And is our Salvation the chiefest, and in comparison the only thing we are to mind?

Can there be then a greater madness, than to run the hazard of so many uncertainties?

And did you ever hear of any, that complain'd here-pented too soon?

Are those who are justified, pardoned of all their sins?

And are they received into Favour?

If God justify, is there any that can condemn?

Are all those who are justified, sanctified, or become holy?

Do they die unto sin?

And do they live unto Righteousness?

Are they sanctified in the whole man?

Or only in some part?

Have they the Image of God upon them, and are they like unto him?

Is this the meaning of being regenerated or born again, that they are thus renewed after Gods own Image, and have a new Nature?

Doth this Image of God consist in Knowledge, Righteousness, and Holiness?

Are they then like to God, who are without Knowledge?

Are they who are without Knowledge, ungodly and wicked People?

- Are they who are like unto God, holy and righteous? *Yes*
- Are there any other that go to Heaven, but such as are like unto God? *No*
- Do not people generally hope that they shall go to Heaven? *Yes*
- Is Grace and Holiness the means necessary thereunto? *Yes*
- Is it not a vain thing then to expect the End without the Means? *Yes*
- Do men expect to have a plentiful Harvest of Corn, without tilling their Ground? *No*
- May they not as well expect that, as to go to Heaven without being holy? *Yes*
- Are those that are wicked, Enemies to God? *Yes*
- And are they Enemies to themselves, and to their Companions? *Yes*
- Is this to be of a good nature, for a man to be an Enemy to God, and to himself, and to endeavour that others may be ruin'd with him? *No*
- Is not he of a good Nature, that loves God, and loves his own Soul, and loves all men, even his Enemies, and doth earnestly pray for and desire their good? *Yes*
- And is not this the Property and Disposition of a Holy and Religious man? *Yes*
- Are those that are sanctified, holy alike, and in the same degree and measure? *No*
- Are some more holy than others? *Yes*
- Are they who are most holy, most like unto God? *Yes*
- Are such to be despised and hated, who are most like unto God? *No*
- Ought we to honour and love them the more? *Yes*
- Are*

Are such People Haters of God, who do hate Holiness?

Are any perfectly holy in this life?

Must we still labour and strive to be more holy?

Are not the rich men of the world willing to grow richer?

And is not Grace and Holiness better than worldly wealth?

Are they then the richest of all, who are richest in Grace?

Do we deserve Forgiveness of Sins and Eternal Salvation by our Repentance and Obedience?

Is it of God's great Mercy and Free Grace, that any are saved?

[The Resurrection of the Body, and the Life Everlasting.]

Is it certain that all men must die?

Must the great man, and the wise man, and the strongest man die?

Doth the Soul at death, depart out of the Body?

And do the Souls of all men depart and go to one and the same place?

Do the Souls of the Godly enter into Heaven?

And are the Souls of the wicked cast into Hell?

Doth not Death then make a great and wonderful Change when it comes?

And are we liable to death every moment?

Shall we not do well then to be prepared for death at all times?

Doth the Body rot in the Grave and turn to Earth?

Is there any work or wisdom in the Grave, whither we are going?

Or is there any returning from the Grave to amend?

Doth

- Doth our Eternity then depend upon this uncertain
time we have here? *Yes*
- And have we need to study how to pass away our
time in Vanity, and foolish Sports? *No*
- Or to work out our Salvation with fear and tremb-
ling? *Yes*
- Is our time very precious, and ought we to value it? *Yes*
- Will not some of those, who are now altogether gi-
ven to Pastimes, with hereafter they had employed
their time better? *Yes*
- Is it possible to call back any one day or hour that is
past? *No*
- And will our Lord and Master call us to a strict Ac-
count, how we have employ'd our time? *Yes*
- Shall the Body, after 'tis consum'd and turn'd to
Earth, ever rise again? *Yes*
- Shall the Bodies of all men, both the Godly and the
Wicked be raised again? *Yes*
- Shall this Resurrection be at the last day, the great
day of Judgment? *Yes*
- Shall the Soul and Body be then joyned together a-
gain? *Yes*
- And shall they part again afterwards? *No*
- Must they dwell together for ever? *Yes*
- Shall the Righteous and Wicked live together again
hereafter, as they did here upon Earth? *No*
- Shall they be for ever separated the one from the o-
ther? *Yes*
- Shall the Righteous be owned by Jesus Christ, and
received into Heaven? *Yes*
- And be for ever freed from all sin and sorrow? *Yes*
- Are any of them free from sin, while they are here
upon Earth? *No*
- Should

Should not this make them to long for Heaven? Yes

Shall they be perfectly holy in Heaven? Yes

Shall they be filled with unconceivable Joy in God's Presence? Yes

Will that Joy of theirs ever have an end? No

Do you think any worldly Sensual Joy deserves to be compared with the joys and Pleasures of Heaven? No

Is it to be believed, that God's Enemies, whom his Soul abhors, do enjoy as great Delights, as those which he hath reserved for his own Children? No

Shall the wicked be received hereafter to the Enjoyment of God? No

Shall they be for ever banish'd from him? Yes

And shall they suffer most grievous and unspeakable Torments, both of Soul and Body? Yes

Shall their Sufferings be without any ease and Intermission? Yes

And without any End? Yes

Must they suffer in Hell for ever with the Devil and his Angels? Yes

And shall they never have the least hope of being delivered? No

Will the Worm never die, and will the Fire never be quenched? No

Shall Riches profit men in the day of Wrath? No

Will there be any Respect of Persons in the Judgment? No

But will not God then have Mercy for Ignorant People who know him not? No

Shall they perish for lack of Knowledge? Yes

Will Christ come in Flaming Fire, to render Vengeance on them that know not God? Yes

- Is it such a grievous thing to be ignorant of God? *Yes*
- Are ignorant People then very much mistaken concerning their own Condition? *Yes*
- Will it serve their Turn to plead they have wronged no man? *No*
- Do they that are ignorant of God, wrong themselves? *Yes*
- Do they expose themselves to the Wrath and Vengeance of Almighty God, which is denounced against all such persons? *Yes*
- And are not those guilty of the most unnatural and desperate Cruelty, that are cruel to themselves? *Yes*
- And shun such as would instruct them for their saving good? *Yes*
- Will it serve their turn to plead they have kept their Church? *No*
- Do they mock God that come to Church, and give no heed to learn and understand their Duty? *Yes*
- Will God be mocked? *No*
- Do not such then miserably deceive themselves? *Yes*
- Is it sufficient for them to plead, that they serve God as well as they can? *No*
- Might they not serve him better, if they did labour after the Knowledge of him? *Yes*
- Can God be served aright by those that understand not who God is, or how they ought to serve him? *No*
- Can they who are ignorant, pray unto Jesus Christ aright? *No*
- Is it not in his name that all Prayer is to be offer'd, and for his sake alone, that God will hear us? *Yes*
- Can such as know not who Jesus Christ is, receive

ceive the Communion worthily and in a right manner?

And yet do not such perswade themselves that they serve God very well, though they worship they know not what?

Doth not God deserve our Enquiry after him?

And are not People wont to enquire after what they value and care for?

Is it not then a great Slighting of God, that they enquire not after him, and desire not the knowledge of his ways?

Doth not God command us to know him, and to acquaint our selves with him?

Is it a small thing to despise and disobey God's command?

And do they that sin in Ignorance, despise and disobey the Command of God?

Is it not a great Favour and Privilege, that God doth send us the great things of his Law?

And is he not the more highly provoked by those who look upon them as a strange thing?

But will not *He that made them* have Mercy upon them, and *He that formed them* shew them Favour?

Is it not then a most dangerous thing to live in ignorance?

And ought we not in the first place, and above all things to labour after the Knowledge of God?

Is it a broad way that leads to hell and Destruction?

And be there many that do go therein?

Is it a narrow way that leads to Heaven?

Be there many that go in the way to Heaven?

And are there few that go therein?

Should we not be careful then to be among the number of those few?

And

- And doth not this require our greatest Care and Diligence? *Yes*
- Do not men generally acknowledge, that this World is Vanity and Vexation of Spirit? *Yes*
- And that they ought to mind the things of God, and the welfare of their Souls above all the World? *Yes*
- Do men generally act according to such a Belief and Profession? *No*
- And yet do not such call others Hypocrites, who do truly fear, and love, and serve God? *Yes*
- But are not they themselves most gross Hypocrites, that pretend and profess one thing, and yet do the contrary? *Yes*
- Will they not be condemned out of their own mouth? *Yes*
- And will not their own Consciences hereafter torment them? *Yes*
- Will it not appear at last, that they only are wise, who are wise for their Souls? *Yes*
- And that wicked men are the most inconsiderate Persons in the World? *Yes*
- Will wicked men themselves be convinced of this, when 'tis too late? *Yes*
- Is it not far better for them to be perswaded of this now? *Yes*
- Will they always be of the same mind and opinion that they are of at present? *No*
- Do not men usually crave time to consider, when they are to determine of some worldly Concernment? *Yes*
- And is not this the greatest matter that deserves our most serious Consideration? *Yes*
- Is it not sad, that men should run themselves desperately into remediless Destruction, and will not be perswaded to consider? *Yes*

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Will it be any comfort to them hereafter, to think of their wickedness and all their vain and evil company?

Will the thought hereof make them to weep, and wail, and gnash their Teeth for ever?

And is this that which all ungodly men will come to?

Will this be the end of all their Mirth and Laughter? Doth God in his word plainly declare, and give warning hereof before-hand?

And will he ever alter that which hath gone out of his Mouth?

Will any of those who despise and affront God now, be able then to lift up their Heads?

Will they shake and tremble to be filled with Confusion, and wish they had never been born?

And must they lie under the Wrath and Vengeance of Almighty God for evermore?

Will not their wealth, nor wit, nor Friends, nor honour, nor any thing avail them?

Will it then appear, that there is a Reward for the Righteous?

Shall they enter triumphant into the Joy of their Lord?

And for ever reign with Christ in that Glory, which neither Eye hath seen, nor Ear heard, nor hath ever entred into the Heart of Man?

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WERE the Ten Commandments written upon two Tables of Stone by the Finger of God? Are any of them now abrogated or out of Force?

Ans

Are the Four First Commandments, the Commandments of the First Table ?	Yes
Do they immediately respect God ?	Yes
Must we love God with all our Heart, and with all our Soul, and with all our Might ?	Yes
Will no lower Degree of Love serve, but that we must love God above all things ?	No
Can we love God too much ?	No
Can we love any Creature-Enjoyment too much ?	Yes
Do not men generally esteem and affect some Worldly Enjoyment or Pleasure more than God ?	Yes
And displease and disobey God, rather than deny themselves in that ?	Yes
And is not this Heart-Idolatry ?	Yes
Do we make that our God which we love most ?	Yes
Is every man then an Idolater that doth not love God most ?	Yes
Is Covetousness a small Sin ?	No
Is the love of Money the Root of all Evil ?	Yes
Is a Covetous man an Idolater ?	Yes
Is the Love of this World enmity against God ?	Yes
Are the other Six Commandments, the Commandments of the Second Table ?	Yes
Do they more especially respect our Neighbour ?	Yes
Must we love our Neighbours as our selves ?	Yes
Must every man do to others as he would have others do unto him ?	Yes
Doth every man constantly observe this Rule ?	No
Doth such as do otherwise, sin against their own Light and Conscience ?	Yes
And are they self-condemn'd for doing as they would not be done by ?	Yes

Is the First Commandment, **Thou shalt have none other Gods before me?**

Must we own and worship the only true God?

May we worship Angels?

May we worship any man?

May we worship any other besides God?

May we worship an Idol or false God?

May we put our Trust and Confidence in man?

Or in Wealth?

Or in any thing else besides God alone?

Is God alone all-sufficient to be trusted in?

Is it enough to profess we know God, if in works we deny him?

Doth he sin against this Commandment, that saith in his Heart *There is no God?*

Is this the Second Commandment, **Thou shalt not make unto thee any Graven Image, &c?**

May we worship God by Images?

Or with any other worship of our own Invention?

Or frame any likeness of God in our mind?

Must we worship him according to his own Appointment?

Is the third Commandment, **Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain, &c?**

May we upon ordinary and trivial occasions, and in a slight manner make mention of God's name?

Must we fear this Glorious and fearful Name, *The Lord our God?*

And must we reverence his Word and all his Ordinances?

May we make Use of Scripture-Expressions in vain Jest and Merriment?

Or bind our Speeches in common Discourse, with Oaths and Imprecations?

- Or with vain Proteſtations and Vows ? No
- Or with any broken and imperfect Forms of Swearing ? No
- Is it very uſual and ordinary for people to offend theſe ways ? Yes
- May we applaud them for ſo doing, and ſeem to be well pleaſed therewith ? No
- Or ſhould we be grieved for their Sin ? Yes
- Should we be grieved, that God (who is our Father) is diſhonoured thereby ? Yes
- Ought we to be grieved more at his Diſhonour, than at our own Diſgrace ? Yes
- And ſhould we be grieved, that people do thereby wound their own Souls ? Yes
- Should we not then in love admoniſh them of it, according as we have a fit opportunity ? Yes
- Or may we ſuffer Sin to lie upon them without endeavouring their Amendment ? No
- Shall he that turneth a Sinner from the Errour of his way, ſave a Soul from Death, and hide a multitude of Sins ? Yes
- Have we any ſufficient Reaſon to be aſham'd of Jeſus Chriſt and his ways ? No
- Will Chriſt own us hereafter, if we own him here ? Yes
- Will God hold them guiltleſs that take his name in vain ? No
- Will he moſt ſurely puniſh them in his juſt Judgment ? Yes
- Will he accept of any of their Excuses and Pretences ? No
- Is it a ſufficient Excuse for any to ſay, they cannot leave it off. No
- Will it excuſe a Thief to tell the Judge, he hath ſo

- accustom'd himself to stealing, that he can't leave it? *No*
- Will it excuse them to say they are in jest, or that they don't think upon it? *No*
- Are these fit matters to be jested with, or to be thought below our notice? *No*
- Is it a jesting matter, what a mans Condition shall be for evermore? *No*
- Is God Almighty of so mean and low Account, that it is not worth the minding, whether he be pleas'd or displeas'd. *No*
- Or is the penalty of this Law so small, that we need not regard whether we keep or break it? *No*
- Are not Swearing, and any other ways of taking God's Name in vain, such sins as men have less temptation to, than they have to many other sins? *Yes*
- And may they not forbear to speak such words, if they will themselves? *Yes*
- Is this the reason why some do ordinarily swear, because they will be the rather believed? *Yes*
- Is not a fair-dealing honest man that will not swear, rather to be believed than they? *Yes*
- Have we any reason to think, that he who makes no Conscience of Swearing, doth make the greatest Conscience of Lying? *No*
- Doth not the very same Authority which forbids Lying, forbid Swearing also? *Yes*
- Do you not believe, that some do swear, because they apprehend it is for their Credit so to do? *Yes*
- Is it any praise or Commendation to a man to provoke, and affront, and grieve one, whom he acknowledgeth to have been his best Friend? *No*
- Can there be any thing more disingenuous and unworthy? *No*

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And do not such men acknowledge, that it is Almighty God who hath given them all the Good things that ever they did enjoy? Yes

Is it any proof of a mans Wit or Parts to be able to swear? No

Do we not find, that there are some of very mean Abilities, who are yet able to swear at a high rate? Yes

And that when they are not able to make their part good otherwise, they will help themselves with this Artifice for a Refuge? Yes

Did ever any man harden himself against God and prosper? No

Or is there any man stronger than God? No

Will his Patience abused be turned into the greater Fury? Yes

And is it any proof of Wisdom or Valour for a man to provoke him that is easily able to confound and destroy him in that very Instant? No

Do they who break this Commandment of God by Swearing, offend also against a known and standing Law of this Land? Yes

And is it the part of Good Subjects to allow themselves in the breaking of so good a Law? No

Is the Fourth Commandment, **Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy, &c?** Yes

Do we now observe the last day of the Week, which was the *Jewish* Sabbath? No

Are we to observe the First day of the Week, which is the Lords Day? Yes

Did Jesus Christ rise from the Grave the First day of the Week? Yes

And are we joyfully to remember his Resurrection upon this day?

Is it enough to rest therein from worldly labour?

Must we be busily exercised in the worship of God?

Must we serve God in our Families and in secret, as well as at Church?

Have we not great need of this time to be set apart for our Souls Good?

Is God profited by any of our Services and Attendants on him?

Is it not for our own benefit, that God hath set apart this time, and that he continueth his Gospel with us?

Is it not a great Privilege to enjoy the Gospel, and the means of Grace?

But will it not be for the greater Condemnation of those who despise it, and love Darknes rather than Light?

May not works of necessity and mercy be done upon this day?

Is the Fifth Commandment, **Honour thy Father and thy Mother, &c?**

Must we honour and reverence all our Superiours and Betters.

Must Subjects honour, and reverence, and obey the King, and all that are put in Authority?

Must they obey only for fear of punishment?

Or for Conscience sake?

Are we to render unto *Cesar* the things that are *Cesar's*?

And unto God the things that are God's?

Must Children honour, and reverence, and obey their Parents?

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May they despise them when they are old ?	No
Or for their Poverty ?	No
Or for any Infirmary whatsoever ?	No
Did God command of old, that stubborn and rebellious Children should be stoned to Death, so as others might hear and fear ?	Yes
Is it a small thing then for Children to be stubborn and rebellious against their Parents ?	No
Must Servants honour and obey their Masters ?	Yes
And with good will do service, as to the Lord, and not to men ?	Yes
And be subject to their Masters, not only such as are good and gentle, but also to the froward ?	Yes
Ought People highly to esteem, and love, and obey their Minister ?	Yes
And to hearken to him as a Messenger sent unto them by Jesus Christ ?	Yes
And to think that the Labourer is worthy of his Reward ?	Yes
May we reproach or disgrace our Superiours ?	No
Must we honour them in our Heart, as well as in Speech and Behaviour ?	Yes
May we obey any of them in any unlawful thing ?	No
Will it be a sufficient excuse for so doing, that they command it ?	No
Is it any way right to hearken unto men more than unto God ?	No
Must we in Honour prefer one another ?	Yes
And esteem others better than our selves ?	Yes
And bear one anothers Burdens ?	Yes
And rejoyce with them that do rejoyce ?	Yes
And not only seek our own, but every man anothers wealth ?	Yes

Are we to do our part and duty towards those who do not perform their duty to us ?

May we hate them that hate us ?

Or when we are reviled, may we revile again ?

Or deceive and wrong them that deceive and wrong us ?

Ought we to love our Enemies, and do good for evil ?

May we rejoyce if any Evil betide our Enemy ?

Is it our Duty to be grieved for it ?

Is the sixth Commandment, **Thou shalt not kill:**

Must a man use all Lawfull Endeavours for the Preservation of his own Life ?

And for the Preservation of the Lives of others ?

Is it sufficient, if we do not take them away ?

May a man use any unlawful Endeavours to preserve his own Life ?

Or the Life of his Neighbour ?

May a man take away anothers Life in case of necessary Defence ?

And in Lawful War ?

And in the Execution of publick Justice ?

Do they sin against this Commandment, who are angry without a cause ?

And who give reviling and scornful words ?

Is he that hateth his Brother a Murderer ?

May we be hasty in our Spirits to be angry ?

Doth he that is soon angry, deal foolishly ?

And doth Anger rest in the Bosom of Fools ?

Is it a good property to be slow to Wrath ?

And to be ready to forgive ?

Is God slow to wrath, and ready to forgive ?

Is this then to be like unto God ?

Do they who give way to anger, give place to the Devil ?

And

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who	And is it wisdom to give the Devil an Advantage	
Yes	against us ?	No
No	Is the Wisdome that is from above, pure, and peace-	
No	able, and gentle, and easie to be intreated ?	Yes
ong	Must all Bitterness be put away far from us ?	Yes
No	And Clamour, and Evil-speaking, and all malice ?	Yes
evil?	And must we be kind, and tender-hearted, and for-	
No	give one another ?	Yes
Yes	Is it any dishonour for a man to be meek and pati-	
ill?	ent ?	No
Pre-	Doth not a man prejudice himself in any cause he	
Yes	undertakes, by being therein overcome with Passi-	
Yes	on ?	Yes
No	Doth Valour and Fortitude consist in Suffering, as	
re-	well as in Action ?	Yes
No	And is it a sign of Weakness to be overcome of	
No	Evil ?	Yes
ne-	Is he that conquers himself the greatest Conquerour ?	Yes
Yes	Is the Seventh Commandment, Thou shalt not	
Yes	commit Adultery ?	Yes
Yes	Must we forbear all unchaste Behaviour and unseem-	
re	ly Dalliance ?	Yes
Yes	And all unsavoury and unclean Speeches ?	Yes
Yes	And all wanton Thoughts and Imaginations ?	Yes
Yes	Is it seemly for Christians to make such Discourse	
No	their Sport and merriment, as is directly opposite	
Yes	to the very strain and tenour of God's Word ?	No
Yes	Doth not the Scripture forbid all foolish and filthy	
Yes	kind of talking and jesting ?	Yes
Yes	And charge us, that no corrupt Communication pro-	
Yes	ceed out of our Mouth ?	Yes
Yes	Is it Adultery in God's Account, to look on any, so	
Yes	as to lust after them ?	Yes

And

And doth not our Saviour advise us, if our Right Eye offend us, to pluck it out; and if our Right hand offend us, to cut it off?

Is this to be understood in the literal Sense and meaning, that we must pluck out our Eye, and cut off our hand?

Or is it, that we must turn away the Eye from alluring Objects, and keep off the Hand from unchast Dalliances?

Is it not better to deny the unlawful Delights of the Eye or of the Hand, or any unlawful Delights whatsoever, than to be cast into Hell-fire?

Doth not the word of God require and enjoyn modest apparel?

Do they sin against this Commandement, who by their immodest Dress and Attire, endeavour to allure and intice the eyes of others?

And those also, who by Idleness, Gluttony, Drunkenness, or Unchast Company, expose themselves to the Temptations of Uncleanness?

Is the Eighth Commandement, **Thou shalt not steal?**

Ought every man to have some lawful Calling?

And to be careful and industrious therein?

May such as have great Estates live in idleness?

May they waste and vainly mispend their Estates?

Do such steal from their own Families?

And dishonour Almighty God with his own Blessings?

Is not this to be ungrateful in the highest degree?

Would any man take it well, to be the more abused for his kindness?

And to see one, whom he hath bred up and main-

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- right maintained, and provided for, to be continually
 right vexing of him? *No*
- mean- And employing that very Estate against him, which
 at off he had before freely and bountifully bestow'd upon
 him? *No*
- n al- Would not this incense him highly against one that
 a un- is so horribly disingenuous and ungrateful? *Yes*
- the Are not all mens Estates in Gods Disposal? *Yes*
- ghts And is not he the highest and most absolute Lord
 of them? *Yes*
- And will he require and expect an account of them
 from every man? *Yes*
- mo- Is it not possible for a man to deceive him? *No*
- by And will he, to whom much is given, of them re-
 al- quire the more? *Yes*
- May a man mind this world with all his might? *No*
- nk- Must he chiefly seek God's Kingdom, and the Righ-
 s to teousness thereof? *Yes*
- Do they that will be rich, fall into Temptation and
 a Snare? *Yes*
- ought we to desire others prosperity as well as our
 own? *Yes*
- Is it sufficient for every man to look to himself,
 without regarding others? *No*
- Must a man be guided by Reason and Conscience in
 all his Dealings? *Yes*
- May he take Advantage of the Ignorance of another? *No*
- Or of the Poverty of another? *No*
- May a man commend beyond its worth what he is
 about to sell? *No*
- Or undervalue what he is about to buy? *No*
- Or use any Equivocations? *No*
- Or take advantage of anothers Mistake? *No*

Is

Is it Theft to wrong another in the smallest matter?

Doth that man wrong himself most, that doth any wrong to another?

Will that which a man steals, cost him dearest of all?

And is he innocent that is a Partner with a Thief, and consenteth with him?

Doth God's word say, Such a man hateth his own Soul?

Is it better to receive wrong, than to do wrong?

Must he that hath wronged another, make him satisfaction and restitution to the uttermost, so far as he is able?

Do you think such a one shall go to Heaven, as is unwilling to restore what he hath ill gotten?

Is it not better to make Restitution here, than to suffer for ever in Hell-fire?

Must all be charitable according to their Ability?

And doth God require them to open their hand wide in lending and giving to their poor Brother?

Shall he that soweth bountifully reap bountifully?

Must the meaner sort be charitable according to what they can spare, as well as the rich?

And labour with their Hands, that they may have to give to him that needeth?

Will God accept according to what a man hath?

And is it a more blessed thing to give than to receive?

May a man borrow of another, and promise absolutely to pay him again, when it is unlikely he shall be able to make good his word?

Is this the property of a wicked man?	Yes
Does the Scripture say, That the wicked borroweth and payeth not again?	Yes
Is the Ninth Commandment, Thou shalt not bear false Witness against thy Neighbour?	Yes
Is it always sinful to tell a Lye?	Yes
May not a man tell a Lie to save his Neighbour from trouble?	No
May he to save his own Life?	No
May we do Evil, that Good may come of it?	No
Are Liars the Devils Children?	Yes
Shall they have their Portion in the Lake that burneth with Fire and Brimstone?	Yes
Ought we to witness the truth, when we are lawfully thereunto called?	Yes
Is it not that man sin presumptuously and with a high Hand, that appeals unto the God of Truth to witness a Falshood?	Yes
Doth he wisheth the Curses contained in God's Book may light upon him, if he swear fasly?	Yes
Is there we not great Reason to wonder at the Patience, and Forbearance of Almighty God?	Yes
Will this Patience and Forbearance of his last always?	No
Will his Patience abused, be turned into the great Fury?	Yes
Will Vengeance come surely at last, though it be not executed speedily?	Yes
Should we endeavour to preserve our own and our Neighbours good Name?	Yes
Doth Gods word forbid going up and down as Tale-bearers and Whisperers?	Yes

And

And the giving Encouragement and Countenance to such by hearkening unto them, and seeming to be well pleased therewith ?

May we believe every Report, and take up a Reproach against our Neighbour ?

Doth any man do well in being glad to hear Evil of another ?

Should he not rather with an angry Countenance drive away a backbiting Tongue ?

Is it not better to tell a man himself of his own Faults, than to spread them abroad, and divulge them among others ?

Is it a great Privilege for a man to have such a faithful Friend, as will tell him of his Faults ?

And is not such a one to be esteemed a thousand fold more than a Flatterer ?

Is not he that flatters a man, one of his most dangerous Enemies ?

Should we not then be afraid of a Flatterer, as much as of a Detractor and Reviler ?

If any man disgrace and defame us, may we therefore speak Evil of him ?

Should we not rather make some advantage of it by leaving off those Evils that are told of us ?

Or give the more evident proof of the contrary by our Practices, when any do speak evil of us falsely ?

And heartily forgive them our selves, and also desire God of his great Mercy to forgive them, and make them better ?

If there be a Report of our miscarriages, may we disown the Truth to save our Credit ?

Is it not worse to be really guilty of two Faults, than to be thought guilty of one ?

ce to	always unwarrantable to make known another	
to be	as Faults ?	No
Re-	our Duty so to do, when Justice and Charity	
	require it ?	Yes
il of	all our Works be done in Charity and true	
	Christian Love ?	Yes
nance	Tenth Commandment, Thou shalt not	
	covet, &c. ?	Yes
own	that every man to be well contented in his own	
ulge	condition ?	Yes
faith-	Poor as well as the Rich ?	Yes
	we greedily desire any thing that is our Neigh-	
	ours ?	No
fold	that we to rejoyce in the Blessings of God, which	
	bestows upon us ?	Yes
dan-	to rejoyce also in those Blessings which God	
	bestows upon others ?	Yes
much	not God do what he will with his own ?	Yes
here-	ould our Eye be Evil, because he is good ?	No
	we perfectly keep all God's Commandments	
	this Life ?	No
t by	we be sorry for what we do amiss ?	Yes
y by	be careful to do so no more ?	Yes
cely ?	all these Commandments bind our Thoughts	
make	and Affections, as well as our Words and Actions ?	Yes
	forbid all the particular kinds of each Sin, and	
	Irregularities whatsoever that any way tend	
	unto ?	Yes

The LORD'S PRAYER.

y we	MAY we pray to the Virgin Mary ?	No
than	Or to any other Saints ?	No
Is	the Angels ?	No

Must

Must we pray to God alone ?

Is it enough to say over so many words in Prayer,
without understanding or minding what we say ?

Must our Hearts and Affections go with our Words
in Prayer ?

Doth God hear mens Prayers for their own sakes
and worthiness ?

Or is it only for the sake and worthiness of Jesus
Christ ?

Do we need Gods Spirit to help us in Prayer ?

Doth the Lords Prayer consist of a Preface, and Pe-
tition, and Conclusion ?

Is the Preface **Our Father which art in Hea-
ven ?**

Must we pray with Reverence ?

And with Hope, and Confidence that God will
hear us ?

Is it enough to pray for our Selves alone ?

Must we pray for all others who are Gods People,
and who may be so ?

And ought we to pray with others ?

Is it not a Christians Duty also to pray in secret ?

Will he that seeth in secret reward openly ?

And should we not frequently also lift up our hearts
unto God, as we pass up and down here below ?

Is God willing to hear the Prayers of his Chil-
dren ?

• And is he able to answer them and grant their
Desires ?

Is any Earthly Father so tenderly compassionate, as
God is to his Children ?

Are there Six Petitions in the Lords Prayer ?

Is the first Petition **Hallowed be thy Name ?**

Must

	principally and in the first place, desire	
ayer.	God may have the Glory of all things?	Yes
ay?	Will God at last have the Glory of all things?	Yes
ords	that he made all things, yea even the wicked, for	
	the day of Recompence?	Yes
Takes	those that are wicked, make it their aim and	
	end to glorifie God?	No
Jesus	Will God notwithstanding be glorified upon	
	them?	Yes
	Will he glorifie his Power and his Justice in the	
Pe-	Everlasting Destruction of all his Enemies?	Yes
	the Second Petition, Thy Kingdom come:	Yes
ea-	Must we pray unto God, that his Kingdom may rule	
	over all?	Yes
	That his Grace may prevail in the Hearts of men?	Yes
will	That the Kingdom of Satan may be destroyed?	Yes
	That that Christ will hasten his Second Com-	
	ming?	Yes
ple,	Will that Day when our Lord shall come, be a	
	great and terrible Day?	Yes
	Will it be a terrible day to his own People?	No
	Will it be a day of Refreshing, and rejoycing, and	
	Triumph to them?	Yes
arts	Is the Third Petition, Thy Will be done in	
	Earth as it is in Heaven?	Yes
hil-	Must it be our Desire and Prayer, That we may	
	do God's Will on Earth, as it is done in Hea-	
veir	ven?	Yes
	And that the rest of our Life hereafter may be pure	
as	and holy?	Yes
	Is it enough to pray for this without endeavour-	
	ing it?	No

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Will

Will not the very Prayers of some rise up in Judgment against them, wherein they have prayed for Purity and Holiness, and yet in their Hearts despis'd and hated it ?

Are we to desire, that Gods Will may be done in all things ?

Have we any reason then to be displeased when God does his Will ?

Is it not most fit that Gods Will should be done rather than ours ?

Is the Fourth Petition, **Give us this Day our daily Bread ?**

Is our Daily Bread the Gift of God ?

Can we get it our selves meerly by our own Industry and Labour ?

Or can Bread of it self nourish us, and maintain our Life ?

May our very Blessings prove Curses to us ?

Do all our Labours and Enjoyments depend upon Gods Blessing ?

Is there not then great reason for us to pray to God for his Blessing upon all our Labours ?

And upon all our Enjoyments ?

And at our Meals to desire his Blessing, and give him Thanks ?

Is the Fifth Petition, **And forgive us our Debts, as we forgive our Debtors ?**

Must we make Confession of our Sins to God

Do we all stand in need of Forgiveness ?

Can't we pay the Debt we owe to Gods Justice ?

Must we forgive others that trespass against us ?

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The Lords Prayer.

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Judge	Will God forgive us, if we do not forgive o-	
ed for	thers?	N,
s def.	Is it enough to say we forgive others?	No
	Should we forgive them heartily, even our greatest E-	
done	nemies?	Yes
	the Sixth Petition, And lead us not into	
God	Temptation, but deliver us from E-	
	vil?	Yes
ne ra.	Are we daily in danger of Temptation?	Yes
	Can we of our selves avoid Temptation?	N,
our	Can we conquer Temptations by our own Strength?	No
	Is it not Wisdom, as much as we may, to shun all	
	occasions of Evil?	Yes
indu.	Is Satan our Enemy?	Yes
	Should he earnestly desire and endeavour the Ruin	
tain	and misery of all man-kind?	Yes
	Should we then do well to follow his Advice and	
	Counsel?	No
upon	Are not those in a sad Condition, who are led cap-	
Te	tive by him at his Will?	Yes
y to	Have we not great reason to pray to God against	
Ye	him?	Yes
Ye	And against all Evil whatsoever?	Yes
give	Is the Conclusion of the Lords Prayer, For thine	
Te	is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the	
ts,	Glorie for ever, Amen.	Yes
Ye	Should we to offer up Praises to God together with our	
Te	Prayers?	Yes
Te	Should to be earnest with God in Prayer?	Yes
fu-	Do such as pray coldly and heartlessly, provoke	
No	God to deny them?	Yes
Te	And those also, who never mind afterwards, whe-	
ill	ther	

The Sacraments.

ther their Prayers be heard or no?
Are we to imitate such as are so careless and regard-
less of God, and of themselves?
Ought we to desire and believe that God will hear
us?
Is this the meaning of the word *Amen*?

The SACRAMENTS.

ARE there only Two Sacraments of the New
Testament?
Are they Baptism and the Lords Supper?
Can any man ordain or appoint a Sacrament?
Did Jesus Christ appoint these Sacraments?
Doth he therein by Outward Signs signifie and con-
vey Spiritual Grace?
And are they Seals also for the Confirmation of
it?
Are there two parts in each Sacrament?
Are they the Sign, and the thing signified?
Is **Baptism** the First Sacrament?
Is *Water* the outward Part or Sign in Baptism?
And is *Washing away of Sin, and a new Birth*, the
Inward Part, or the thing signified thereby?
Is the Virtue and Efficacy of Baptism in the Wa-
ter?
Is it in the Minister?
Is it Gods Blessing on his own Institution and Ap-
pointment?
Did we covenant and promise in Baptism, to for-
sake the Devil, the World, and the Flesh?
To own and profess Jesus Christ, and ever to con-
tinue his Faithful Servants?

Are

- Are we bound to perform and make good this promise and Covenant? *Yes*
- If we do our part, will God most surely keep and perform his? *Yes*
- Do they that are wicked keep this Vow and Covenant which they solemnly made with God? *No*
- Is it Evil and dishonourable to be false, and break promise with man? *Yes*
- And shall they escape, who break promise with God? *No*
- Is it a fearful thing to break this solemn promise made with God? *Yes*
- Is **The Lords Supper** the Second Sacrament? *Yes*
- Is *Bread and Wine* the outward Part or Sign of the Lords Supper? *Yes*
- Is the Bread and Wine turned into the very real Substance of Christs Body and Blood? *No*
- Or doth the Bread and Wine signifie and represent the Body and Blood of Christ? *Yes*
- Doth the breaking of the Bread, and the pouring out of the Wine, signifie that Christs Body was broken, and his Blood shed? *Yes*
- Doth the Virtue and Efficacy of this Sacrament lie in the Bread and Wine? *No*
- Or in the Minister? *No*
- Or in Gods Blessing on what he himself hath appointed? *Yes*
- Is it only a Privilege to receive this Sacrament? *No*
- Is it a bounden Duty commanded by Jesus Christ? *Yes*
- Did he appoint it for a solemn and thankful Remembrance of his Death? *Yes*
- And for the Renewing of our Covenant with God,

- God, which was made in Baptism? Yes
- And for the Nourishment, Strengthening, and Refreshing of our Souls? Yes
- And as an Engagement on us to love one another? Yes
- Do such as come to the Communion, declare that they do truly and heartily repent them of their Sins? Yes
- And that they stedfastly purpose to lead a new Life? Yes
- And that they will follow the Commandments of God, and walk thenceforth in his Holy Ways? Yes
- Do such then dreadfully dissemble with Almighty God, who have no serious purpose to do accordingly? Yes
- Is it safe for any man to dissemble with God? No
- Ought all that Receive the Lords Supper to understand it aright? Yes
- Do such as receive it without Understanding, receive it unworthily? Yes
- Do such as receive unworthily, partake truly of Jesus Christ therein? No
- Are they guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord? Yes
- And do they eat and drink Judgment to themselves? Yes
- But is it sufficient for such as are unworthy to stay off, and content themselves without receiving this Sacrament at all? No
- Must they endeavour with all speed to become worthy Partakers? Yes
- Are these Sacraments to continue till Christs Second Coming? Yes

And

The Conclusion.

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And shall his people hereafter be for ever feasted
at the Marriage-Supper of the Lamb?

Yes

And must they now comfort one another with the
Hopes and Expectation thereof?

Yes

The CONCLUSION.

Is it sufficient barely to know these things?

No

Must we be careful likewise to practise them, and
in all our ways to walk according thereun-
to?

Yes

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